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	-bordered blue epaulets wi	th officers	3. <i>-</i> *	
2.	Organization and Strength		32 officers, 4 NCOs, 13 EM	
	Headquarters Supply platoon	about	l officer. 3 NCOs, 40 KM	
	Headq warters company	about	8 officers, 12 NCOs, 80 EM	
	AAA machine gun company	about	3 officers, 5 NCOs, 20 EM 12 officers, 12 NCOs, 75 EM	
	I Tank Bn	about about	12 officers, 12 NCOs, 75 EM	
	II Tank Bn III Tank Bn	bout	12 officers, 12 NCOs, 75 EM	
	Submachine gun battalion	about	2 officers, 30 NCOs, 120 HM	
	Total	about	82 officers, 90 NCOs, 498 EM	
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	each, with 3 platoons to	each compan	y. The battalions were to be assigned a t	nira
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3.	Headquarters	cimonial cc	nima nd er	
	Major Guenther Dobert, re Captain Gaertner (fnu), d	eputy regin	ental commander	
	Captain Eugen Schiller, c	hief of sta	iff .	
	Captain Karl Herbst, depu	ty polit of	Ticer	
1	Major Horst Hoffmann, dep	nty supply	commanding officer of I Bn	
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4.	Armament The regiment was equipped with 12 T-34/76 tanks including 7 from Zeithain and 5 from Burg; 80 T-34/85 tanks from Frora, Eggesin and Burg; 6 armored personnel carriers and 2 armored scout cars. The T-34/76s were used as training vehicles and the	· E
	T-34/85s as operational vehicles. The tanks were in bad condition. They were used in World War II. The regiment was to receive more tanks.	25X1E
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- 6. Year Classes
 The personnel of the regiment included about 5 percent of the 1936 class, about 25 percent of the 1935 class, about 40 percent of the 1934 class, about 15 percent of the 1933 class and about 15 percent of older classes.
- 7. Composition. The personnel included about 25 percent from Saxony-Anhalt, about 10 percent from Saxony, about 5 percent from Thuringia, about 50 percent from Meckleaburg, about 5 percent from Brandenburg and about 5 percent from Berlin.
- 8. <u>Political Reliability</u>
 About 20 percent were loyal to the regime, about 15 percent were indifferent and about 65 percent displayed passive resistence.
- 9. <u>Miscellaneous</u>
 Source learned from Major Debert, the regimental commander, that the transportation police had been subordinate to the KVF since March 1954. 3

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- 25X1A 2. Comment. It is believed that the third companies planned for the tank battalions cannot be activated at present because of the high number of vacancies in personnel. The regiment is also short of the SP gun battalion which, according to the Soviet pattern, is included in the T/O. On the other hand, the regiment has a surplus of 27 tanks which are not provided for in the present T/O. It is believed that more tanks will be assigned only after an increase of the personnel strength. It is also possible that tanks in want of repair will be replaced.
- 25X1A 3. Coment. According to other sources, the transportation police. having been reorganized into Abschnitte (sectors) and companies, was to be subordinated to the KVP after January 1954. Further information indicated that this transfer was to be completed by June 1954.

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